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SUBJECT: CALL BY ROK PERMANENT OBSERVER MOON ON
AMBASSADOR YOUNG, MARCH 11, 1977

1. ROK PERMANENT OBSERVER MOON PAID COURTESY CALL ON
AMB YOUNG MARCH 11. MOON EXPRESSED PROFOUND APPRECIATION
FOR US ASSISTANCE IN ACHIEVING SOME "VERY CONSTRUCTIVE
RESULTS" ON KOREAN QUESTION IN CONNECTION WITH 31ST
UNGA. MOON LOOKED FORWARD TO CONTINUED CLOSE COOPERATION
WITH USUN AND TO FURTHER VALUABLE WORK IN CONNECTION WITH
32ND UNGA. MOON STRESSED THAT HE WAS WELL AWARE OF THE
"CHANGING SITUATION" REGARDING KOREA. HE CONTINUED THAT
ROK FOREIGN MINISTER PARK WAS PLEASED TO BE HOSTING
YOUNG AT BREAKFAST IN NEW YORK ON MARCH 22. MOON SAID
THIS WOULD ENABLE AN INITIAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON MATTERS
OF COMMON INTEREST AT THE UN. MOON SUGGESTED THAT SINCE
THIS MEETING WOULD BE AT CABINET LEVEL, THE TWO CABINET
MEMBERS MIGHT PREFER TO MEET ALONE. MOON THEN ASSURED
YOUNG THAT MOMENTUM GAINED IN THE 1976 ON THE KOREAN
QUESTION WAS BEING MAINTAINED BY THE ROK. HE SAID THAT
SEOUL WAS WORKING IN PARTICULAR TO PROMOTE THE ROK'S REL-
ATIONS WITH AFRICAN COUNTRIES. HE SAID THAT YOUNG'S
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INTEREST IN AND SUPPORT FOR THIS EFFORT COULD BE MOST HELPFUL

2. YOUNG THANKED MOON FOR HIS VISIT AND SAID THAT HE HAD
WANTED TO DO THE CALLING. THE SECURITY COUNCIL PRESIDENCY,
HOWEVER, HAD BEEN MONOPOLIZING HIS TIME. YOUNG INVITED
MOON AND PARK TO ATTEND PRESIDENT CARTER'S SPEECH AT THE
UN ON MARCH 17. MOON INDICATED THAT PARK'S TRAVEL SCHEDULE

FROM MEXICO CITY TO NEW YORK CITY ON MARCH 17 WAS NOT YET FIRM, BUT HE HOPED VERY MUCH THEY BOTH WOULD BE ABLE TO ATTEND. HOWEVER, AS FAR AS MEETING ALONE WAS CONCERNED, THE PRESENCE OF A MEMBER OF HIS USUN STAFF WOULD NOT INHIBIT HIM IN THE LEAST. YOUNG SUGGESTED THAT, IF PARK HAD A PARTICULAR MATTER TO DISCUSS PRIVATELY, THEY COULD MEET ALONE FOR A FEW MINUTES. YOUNG SAID IT WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR HIM IF SOMEONE ELSE COULD ACCOMPANY HIM. MOON SAID THAT THIS WOULD BE QUITE SATISFACTORY AND THAT IF YOUNG BROUGHT SOMEONE WITH HIM, HE (MOON) WOULD ACCOMPANY PARK. YOUNG REGRETTED THAT DUE TO A PREVIOUS LUNCHEON ENGAGEMENT WITH ASEAN-PACIFIC GROUP ON MARCH 22, HE WOULD BE UNABLE TO ATTEND PARK'S LUNCHEON THAT DAY FOR CORE GROUP REPRESENTATIVES. YOUNG SAID THAT BECAUSE OF THIS, AMB SHERER WOULD REPRESENT HIM AT PARK'S LUNCHEON.

3. YOUNG AND MOON EXCHANGED CORDIAL GOOD-BYES AND LOOKED FORWARD TO MEETING EACH OTHER AGAIN IN THE NEAR FUTURE. YOUNG STRESSED THAT HE WANTED TO MAINTAIN CLOSE COOPERATION WITH MOON AND THE ROK OBSERVER OFFICE.

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